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TABLE TALK

Feed My Sheep

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Psalm 30):

C: O LORD, we cried to you for help,

R: And you have made us whole.

C: You turned our mourning into dancing.

R: We will give you thanks and praise forever!

Read: John 21:15-19 (ESV)

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reflect:

Jesus forgives Peter and will use him in his kingdom even though Peter previously denied him. Even our sin cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 21:15-19) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

The head of the household prays:

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the forgiveness that comes in Christ. Use us in your kingdom as we wait for your Son's triumphant return. In Jesus's name, amen.